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Cera: A tough,
headstrong
young threehorn.



Tria: Cera's
stepmother.

Petrie: A clumsy
clown of a flier.



Littlefoot: A
happy, friendly
young longneck.

Tria makes a pile of stones.

She puts a shiny one right on top.

“Pretty, isn’t it?”

she asks Cera with a smile.





Cera nods.

It's the prettiest stone she ever saw!

When Tria leaves,

Cera tries to get a better look.

But the pile is too tall.



Cera tries again
to see the shiny stone.
But the whole pile tumbles down!
The shiny stone rolls away
and falls into the river.

Tria is upset when she returns.

“All you care about is
your pretty stone!” Cera cries.

She thinks Tria likes the stone
more than she likes Cera.



Cera tells her friends
about what happened.
They know it was an accident.
They think she should tell Tria
she is sorry.



But Cera has a better idea.

“I know!” she says.

“We can go to the

Canyon of Shiny Stones

and get Tria another pretty stone!”





Everyone agrees except for Petrie.
The Canyon of Shiny Stones
is near Smoking Mountain.
Petrie thinks that
Smoking Mountain is a bad place.



“It’s too smoky,” he says.

“And sometimes it gets all shaky!”

But he doesn’t want the others
to think he is afraid.

So he finally agrees to go along.

The friends start walking.
Soon they reach Smoking Mountain.
“Not much farther now,”
Littlefoot says.
Cera thinks the mountain is pretty.





“See, Petrie?” Cera says.

“Nothing to be scared about.”

“I’m not scared!” Petrie says.

And he knows how he can prove it.

He flies off over Smoking Mountain!



The others are surprised.

They watch Petrie fly.

“He’s doing it!” Cera says.

“I’m doing it!” says Petrie.

Then the mountain
starts to rumble.

Rocks fly up at Petrie
and smoke billows all around him!



“Oh, no!” Petrie says.

He flaps his wings as hard as he can.

Finally he makes it back
to his friends.



The mountain stops shaking.

Petrie's friends are happy.

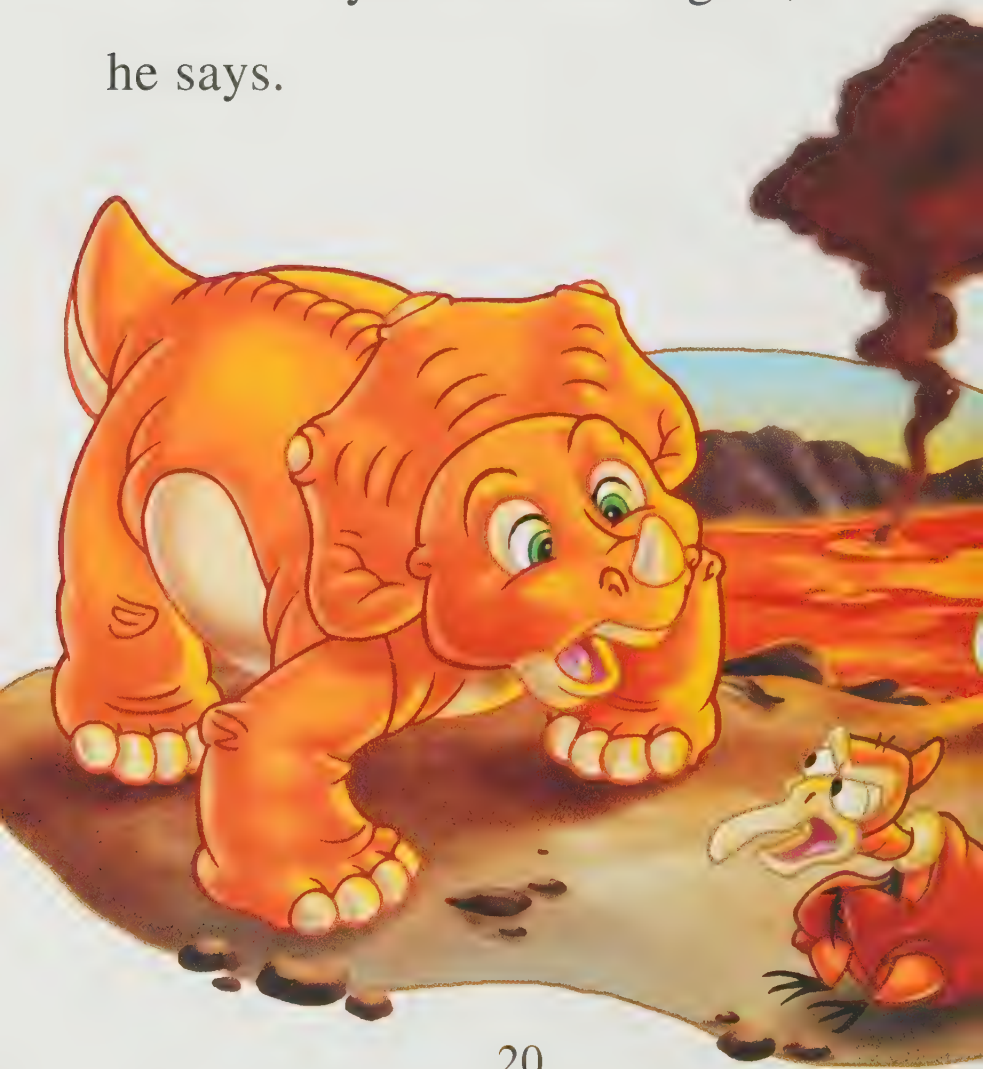
But Petrie is upset.

"This mountain doesn't like fliers!"

Petrie says. "I made it mad!"



“Petrie, you didn’t
make the mountain mad,” Cera says.
But Petrie is still worried.
“I won’t fly over it ever again,”
he says.



The friends walk some more.
“Here we are,” Littlefoot says.
Just ahead is
the Canyon of Shiny Stones.



Beautiful stones are everywhere.

“I don’t know which one to choose!”

Cera says in amazement.

Suddenly she sees a stone

even more beautiful than the others.



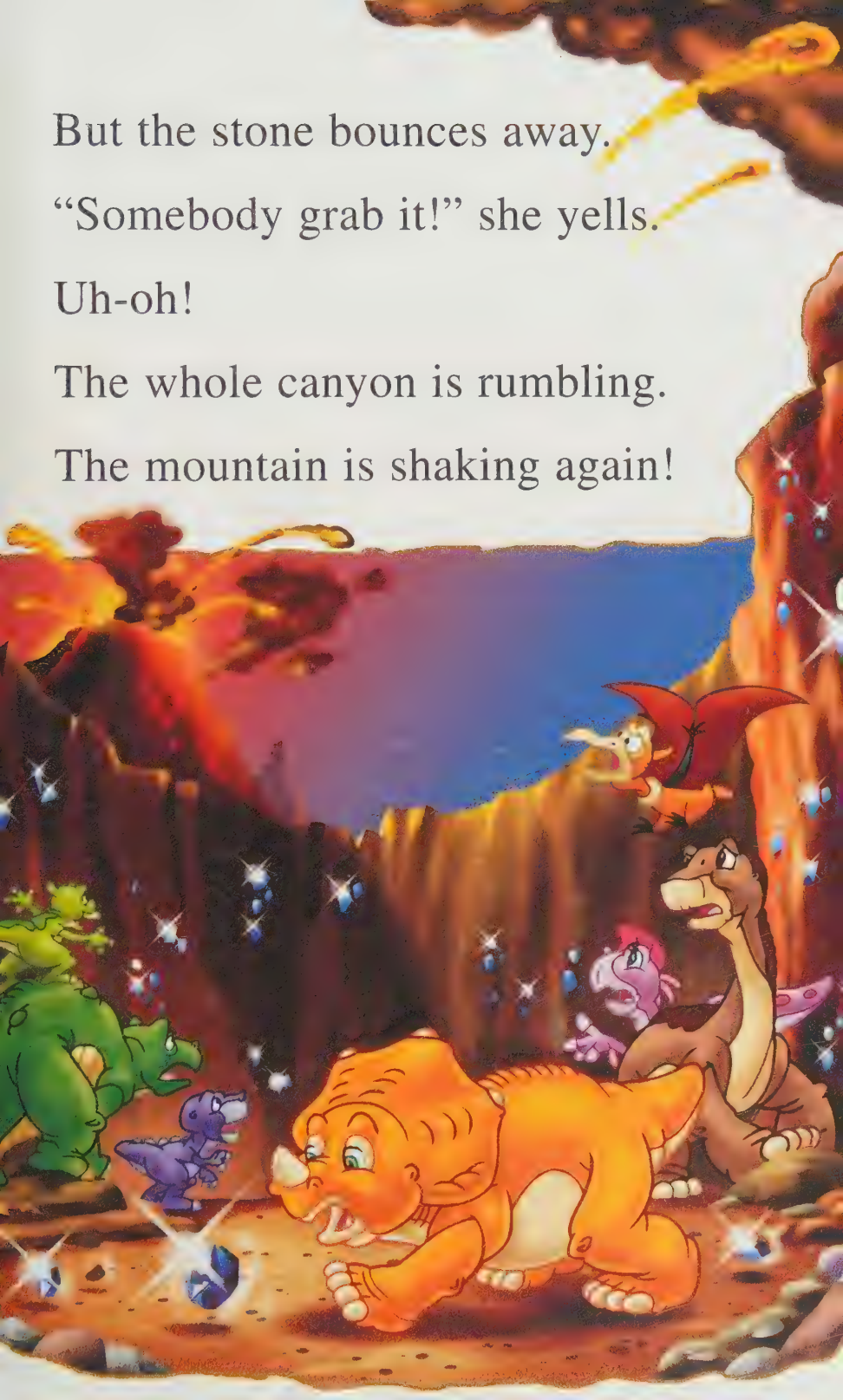
But the stone bounces away.

“Somebody grab it!” she yells.

Uh-oh!

The whole canyon is rumbling.

The mountain is shaking again!



“The mountain is still mad at me!”

Petrie cries.

Cera finally grabs the pretty stone.

But Littlefoot sees red-hot lava
flowing toward them!



"We've got to get out of the canyon,"

Littlefoot yells.

The friends run as fast as they can.

Finally they spot a ledge
and scramble up to safety.



But now they're trapped by the lava!
Petrie is the only one
who can fly for help.
But he is afraid of
making the mountain even madder.

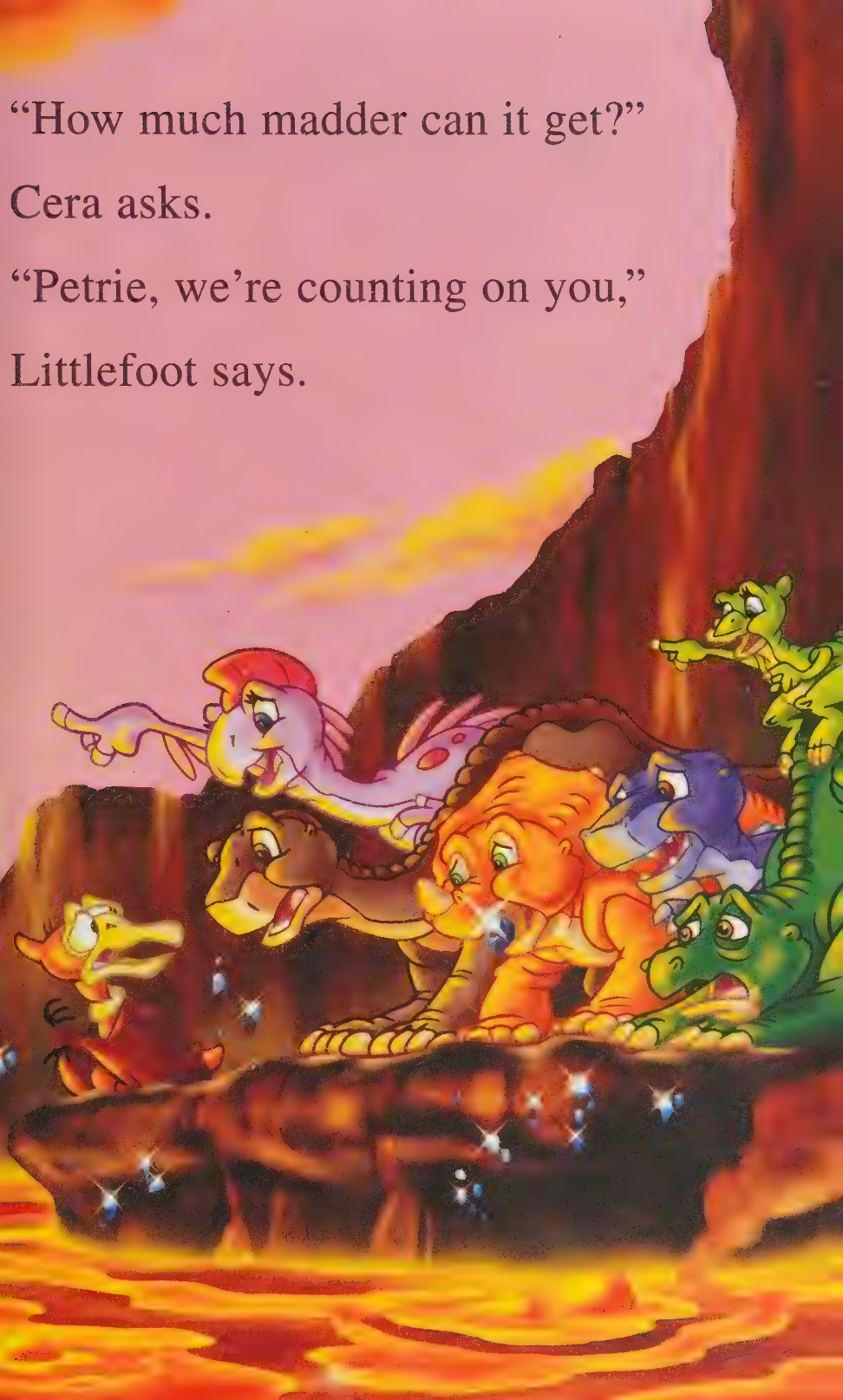


“How much madder can it get?”

Cera asks.

“Petrie, we’re counting on you,”

Littlefoot says.





Petrie is very, very scared.

But he has to help his friends.

“I’ll go,” he says.

He flies over the mountain.

And the mountain stops rumbling!

Petrie gasps in surprise.

Maybe the mountain

isn't mad at him after all!

“Don't worry, guys!”

he calls as he flies toward home.





Petrie brings back the grown-ups.
They rescue the kids from the ledge.
“We came here to get you this
new shiny stone,” Cera tells Tria.
Then Cera drops the stone!

“Oh, no!” Cera says sadly.

“I’m just glad you’re safe, Cera,”

Tria says.

“You’re much more important to me
than any shiny stone.”



Tria smiles at Cera.

Cera smiles back at Tria.

The others get ready to walk home.

But not Petrie.

He's going to fly!





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Tria is upset when Cera loses her shiny stone. So Cera and her friends set off to look for another one and find unexpected adventure along the way.



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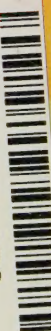
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